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To: Boating and Waterways Commission Members

From: Department of Boating and Waterways, Legislative Unit

Subject: LEGISLATIVE REPORT, December 1, 2010

This report was prepared on November 22, 2010.

**ASSEMBLY BILLS****AB 1797 (Berryhill, Bill) State Water Resources Development System: Delta Corridors Plan.**

This bill would have required the Department of Water Resources (DWR) to undertake an expedited evaluation and feasibility study with regard to the implementation of a specified Delta Corridors Plan as part of the State Water Resources Development System. The bill would have required DWR to consult with the Department of Fish and Game to study specified impacts and benefits of the Delta Corridors Plan and to include in the study an assessment of the incorporation of the Two-Gates Fish Demonstration Project managed by the United States Bureau of Reclamation into the Delta Corridors Plan. DWR would have been required to prepare and submit to the Legislature, on or before January 1, 2012, a report that includes its feasibility findings. If DWR determined the implementation of the plan were feasible, it would have been required to include recommendations with regard to specific facilities to be constructed, and to identify potential funding sources, for the purposes of implementing the plan.

Sponsor: Author

Status: Dead Bill 6/4/2010

Department Position: No approved position

**AB 1818 (Blumenfeld) Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy: Los Angeles River Watershed Program.** This bill would have established the Upper Los Angeles River and Watershed Protection Program. The program would have been administered by the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy to address the resource protection, public recreation, water conservation, and water quality goals of the Upper Los Angeles River watershed in a coordinated, comprehensive, and effective way.

Sponsor: Mountains and Recreation Conservation Authority (MRCA)

Status: Dead Bill 6/4/2010

Department position: No approved position

**AB 1929 (Hall) Invasive aquatic species: mussels.** This bill provides that an operator of water delivery and storage facilities, who has prepared, initiated, and is in compliance with a plan to control and eradicate dreissenid mussels in accordance with existing law, is not subject to any civil or criminal liability for the introduction of dreissenid mussel species as a result of operations

of those facilities. The bill provides that neither the Department of Fish and Game's (DFG) enforcement activities, nor the prohibition on a person possessing, importing, shipping, or transporting dreissenid mussels in the state would apply to an operator who has prepared, initiated, and is in compliance with a plan to control and eradicate dreissenid mussels, unless DFG had required the operator to update its plan and the operator failed to do so.

Sponsor: Association of California Water Agencies

Status: Chaptered 8/18/2010

Department Position: No approved position

**AJR 35 (Fuller) Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project.** This measure would request the United States Department of the Interior (DOI) to reconsider its decision to abandon implementation of the Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project (Project) and to restart the series of meetings designed to result in completion of the necessary environmental review and engineering design to construct the Project in 2010, and would respectfully request Senators Dianne Feinstein and Barbara Boxer, Speaker of the House of Representatives Nancy Pelosi, and all other members of the California congressional delegation to request the DOI to restart its involvement in the Project with the goal of completing the necessary environmental review and engineering design to construct the Project in 2010.

Sponsor: Author

Status: In Assembly Water, Parks & Wildlife Committee 3/4/2010

Department Position: No approved position

**AJR 38 (Caballero) Public resources: Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project.** This measure would request the United States Department of the Interior to complete as soon as possible its study of the Two-Gates Fish Protection Demonstration Project in the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta.

Sponsor: Author

Status: Chaptered 9/7/2010

Department Position: No approved position

## **SENATE BILLS**

**SB 21 (Simitian) Fishing Gear.** This bill would require the Department of Fish and Game (DFG), by January 1, 2012, to include on all fishing licenses and in all appropriate official brochures any toll-free telephone numbers and any Web site addresses available that maintain a reporting system for lost fishing gear. The bill would authorize the Ocean Protection Council to develop recommendations for the identification, removal, and disposal of derelict fishing gear and procedures that enable fishermen and fisheries to voluntarily recover, remove, and keep derelict fishing gear.

Sponsor: Author

Status: Vetoed 9/29/2010

Department Position: No approved position

**SB 808 (Wolk) Delta levee maintenance.** This bill extends from July 1, 2010 to July 1, 2013 the period during which a local agency may request up to 75% reimbursement or advance funds for delta levee maintenance costs in excess of \$1,000 per mile of levee

Sponsor: Author

Status: Chaptered 6/4/2010

Department Position: No approved position

## **FEDERAL BILLS**

### **H.R. 2548 (Pingree) Keep America's Waterfronts Working Act of 2009.**

This bill would amend the Coastal Zone Management Act of 1972 to create a grant program for coastal states to implement working waterfronts. This bill is intended to protect and preserve and expand coastal access for water-dependent activities such as commercial and recreational fishing, aquaculture, boatbuilding and more. This bill includes an authorization for appropriations of \$25 million in 2010, \$50 million in 2011 and \$75 million in 2012 and 2013.

Sponsor: Author

Status: Subcommittee hearings held 10/20/2009

Department Position: No approved position